SOUTH DAKOTA BOARD OF NURSING

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IN THE MATTER OF THE LICENSURE PROCEEDINGS

RE: CHRISTOPHER E. KYLE, RN,

ORDER OF REINSTATEMENT WITH MANDATED HPAP

License No. R042473,

Licensee.

WHEREAS, Christopher E. Kyle, RN ("Licensee"), was licensed to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota and held license number R042473; and

WHEREAS, on or about December 23, 2014, the Licensee was terminated from his employment at a tertiary care hospital on suspicion of drug diversion as well as refusal to submit to drug/alcohol testing; and

WHEREAS, after a formal hearing before the South Dakota Board of Nursing ("Board") on February 18, 2016, the Board voted to suspend the license of the Licensee. Licensee did not appear at his due process hearing; and

WHEREAS, on or about February 27, 2017, the Licensee contacted the South Dakota Health Professional Assistance Program ("HPAP") and signed an HPAP participation agreement; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 21, 2018, the Licensee made a reinstatement request to the Board; and

WHEREAS, on or about August 21, 2018, HPAP notified the Board of their support of Licensee's reinstatement request; and

WHEREAS, the Board has considered the Licensee's request for reinstatement, the documents submitted, the report from HPAP supporting reinstatement, and being fully advised in the premises;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. That the Board has jurisdiction over the person of the Licensee and the subject matter of this Order.
- 2. That the Licensee's license to practice as a registered nurse in the State of South Dakota is hereby reinstated.
 - 3. The Board hereby mandates Licensee's continued participation in HPAP.
- 4. All terms and conditions as well as clearance to return to employment and any restrictions on access to narcotics shall be set by HPAP, and the Licensee shall fully comply with all of those terms and conditions.
- 5. Additionally, Licensee shall comply with the following conditions during the term of this order:

CONDITIONS

- 1. Licensee shall at any time during the term of this order report in person to such meetings of the Board or to its designated representative as directed and otherwise fully cooperate with the Board or its representatives in terms of this order.
- 2. The Licensee shall notify the Board, as well as HPAP, in writing, within one (1) week of any change in nursing employment, personal address, and/or telephone number.
 - 3. Licensee shall pay for all costs and expenses in carrying out conditions of HPAP.

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- 4. That following completion of the application for reinstatement, the Licensee shall be issued his RN license by the Board office.
- 5. During the term of this order, the Licensee is to immediately inform the Board of the outcome of any criminal charges presently or hereafter pending against the Licensee, and whether the Licensee has been convicted, pled no contest, *nolo contendere*, pled guilty to or been granted a deferred judgment or adjudication, suspended imposition of sentence with respect to a felony, misdemeanor or petty offense, other than minor traffic violations, that have not previously been reported to the Board.
- 6. If the Licensee violates any terms of this order, the Board may take such action against Licensee's license as the Board deems necessary, up to and including an immediate suspension, additional terms, revocation, or other disciplinary action.
 - 7. Licensee shall not violate any law or regulation regarding the practice of nursing.
- 8. The Licensee shall not practice nursing in any state other than South Dakota, which is a party state to the Nurse Licensure Compact, without prior written authorization from both the Board and the Nursing Regulatory Authority in the party state in which the Licensee desires to practice.
- 9. This order also affects Licensee's practice privilege to practice in South Dakota should Licensee change his home state under the Nurse Licensure Compact and Licensee's practice privilege is subject to the same requirements set forth in this order as his South Dakota license.

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Licensee: Christopher E. Kyle

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the above Order of Reinstatement with Mandated HPAP was adopted by the South Dakota Board of Nursing on the 13th day of September, 2018, by a vote of 6-0.

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Gloria Damgaard, RN, MS

Executive Director